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THOSE 14 "BOLTERS."

The fact that 14 Republican repreator, instead of obeying the caucus mandate to support Brandegee, is attracting some attention. They are per dividend advanced prices of copper referred to as "bolters" and as hav- stocks sharply. ing violated "party ethics and party discipiline." It is a fact that, after having attended the cancus and without having voted against making the Brandege nomination unanimous, they voted for Mr. Hill in the House. They did violate party discipline which rerapport its final action.

Politically, their action was wrong, but was it morally wrong? Each rep- year. resentative is supposed to represent his constituents, which he cannot do if he obeys the mandate of a caucus; a majority in which takes action opposed to the wishes of his constituency. Which shall he obey, the caucus or those who elected him?

Again, as a representative, he is still of the world. under the obligations of the elector's oath which binds him to exercise his best judgment witihout fear or favor does not absolve him from this oath.

Suppose a representative whose constituents manifestly desire a certain thing and whose own judgment agrees with their wish, is confronted by a caucus decision of his, party in direct opposition to his constituents' desire and his own judgment-what is he to

If his morality is of the old-fashioned, rigid type, he will do as the 14 "bolters" did-that is, carry out the wish of his constituents and obey the dictate of his own conscience; if his conscience is of the modern and elastic type, he will obey the caucus.

It may be said that this is an argument against the caucus system, and so it is-the system is carried too far in these days. In effect, it is the much denounced "unit rule" which stifles individual judgment.

Had Mr. Lilley resigned the office of Congressman-at-large when nominated The Flower of Straif rd-Child Labor for Governor, Mr. Tilson would probably have been elected for the unexpired as well as the full term. Had Congressman Hill refused a renomination and announced himself a candidate for the Brandegee succession, he would probably have been elected, to the Senate. More illustrations of the card player's saying that "hindsight" is ever superior to foresight.

The direct primary is making great progress. In the American Magazine for February, William Allen, White

When one stops to think that in Oreon, Washington, California, North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, oma, Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa, Wisconsin, Mich-Igan, Ohio, Illinois, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, South Carolina, Virginia, New Jersey and Kentucky United States Senators at the next election will go directly to the people for nominations and not to the railroads and the public service corporations of their respective states as they did ten years ago, one realizes how revolutionary are the things that are coming into our system.

President Van Cleave of the National Association of Manufacturers, believes that "Mr. Taft will give us a progressive, sane American administration, which Democrats as well as Republicans will applaud." He adds: Unless I am very greatly mistaken, no demagogue or criminal will be allow to cross the threshold of the

It is rather difficult to say precisely what Mr. Van Cleave means in this a stop to the child labor slavery which sentence, unless he intends to intimate prevails in many of the States. that "demagogues and criminals" have visited the White House during the Roosevelt Administration, and that Mr. vs. Search for the True." In the ev-Taft will not continue this particular ening his sermon will be "The Chalone of the Roosevelt policies.

The National Association of Manufacturers, and the American Protective Tariff league do not agree upon the question of a permanent tariff commission, the former favoring and the latter opposing its creation. This difference of opinion is basic. While of putting up a new building, just for the manufacturers are convinced that many of the present tariff duties are found in the town hall, back of the too high and some of them not need. front door, for the new hose which ed at all, and that some of the raw materials should go upon the free list, Ladder Company, fearing that even the Protective Tariff league is a stand- that structure may take fire, and the 25 sizes and kinds, \$4 to \$25 pat arganization which would rather hose be put out of commission. It is ncrease than lessen the present du-into sections and place it in various les. Heretofore these bodies have parts of the town, where it can be practically stood together; now they readily obtained in case of need. It ire widely apart. It is a very auspi- would be foolish to build a new concious sign of the times.

Another bit of apparent "inside his- upon the taxpayers. A few hooks put lory" is given by the New Haven up on the wall of the town hall is all that is necessary. Besides who wishes Leader. After stating that Senator to see the lawn in front of the cooler, Brandegee refused to promise support between Mr. Reed's store and the town to "a distinguished citizen" (presum-bly Hill.) in 1911 in exchange for non-of the town should be preserved in spposition to his renomination this case the adjoining city absorbs what

year, the Leader says: Would the able leaders who desire to win success for Hon. George P. Mc-Lean in 1911 have helped Mr. Hill in the recent canvass unless assured that

We do not think so. Mr. Hill fought a good fight and lost. He has eliminated himself from the ampaign of 1911. Mr. McLean stuck by him in the ontest of 1909 and he ought to stick by Mr. McLean in the contest of 1911. We doubt not that there is comolete understanding to that end.

Mr. Hill would help their candidate in

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STOCK MARKET SLUGGLISH

were narrow and moved sluggishly up son Teddy, and Mr. Lewis. and down, until near the end when other was the optimistic interview is- towards the Housatonic river. sued by James J. Hill and the third was a semi-official statement that the Public Service Commission would permit the Erie to issue the \$30,000,000 of of town. bonds, the proceeds from which are several matters of importance. One of reorganization consummated. is the annual report of Amalgamated to be issued soon which will be one of boy from drowning in the Berkshire the poorest in a long time. Another is pond. that the accumulation of copper metal is greater now than at any time sentatives voted for Mr. Hill for Sen- ing the consumption and the price of ruary. metal has ben declining both here and

Not only is the copper trade dull and weak, but there has been a falling off in steel and iron orders, due to tariff ient season, and take agitation. Yet the steel shares have snow while it lasted. shown more strength in the last two or three days than for some weeks. This is due to the fact that the report for the last quarter of 1908 will be issued in a few days. This report quires all participants in a caucus to will be a good one and will cause those interested in speculation to overlook the fact there has been a falling off in business since the first of the

The Japanese scare had little effect in the financial district. The people of the East feel that a method will be found to prevent one state from jeopardizing the peace and prosperity of the whole country. For this reason the efforts of certain politicians in mittees to reorganize the Fire depart-California to stir up strife has not un- | ment.

During the week the cotton market became strong and active and prices advanced to the highest point for the Another interesting feature of any man. The caucus cannot and was the campaign started to have the anti-option laws of the southern states repealed. One of the men most prominent in having these laws passed came out in an open letter to the planters urging the repeal of th law and showing that their passage had cost the planter and farmer more than \$300,000,000. It has thus taken the South less than two years to discover what it has taken Germany ten years to learn. The anti-option laws of that country have worked great hardship and it has only been within the year that a movement to force the repeal

of the laws has been started. While business is marking time, it is certain that a slow improvement is going on and it is safe to predict that with good crops the coming season, the end of the year will see prosperity on a firm foundation, and 1910 will start with a boom, which will make it the banner year in the his-

tory of the country. J. R. BURTON.

STRATFORD

'Problem - No Town Meeting - A Prodigious Supper-New Women's Con-

As one lady expressed it, "the flower of Stratford" was at the library to saw Miss Lettie Bennett, the principal of the High school, Miss Emma G. Allen, Miss Vivian Falken, Miss Harley J. Hurd Miss Ethel Beach, whose engagement has been so recently announced, Miss Celia Curtis, Miss Alice Judson, Miss Laura Wood of Stonington, Miss Francis B. Russell, the librarian, Miss Lovell, Miss Myrtis Fairchild, Elliott W. Peck, Carlos Blakeman, Rev. Arthur Shirley, Dr. and Mrs. William Cogswell, Hon. and Mrs. Stiles Judson, Judge and Mrs. Howard Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. Moses Y Beach, Mr. and Mrs. David Coe, Mrs. Radford Smith and Radford Smith, Jr. Donald Sammis, Arthur Wheeler, Capt. and Mrs. A. Bedell Benjamin, Judge George Wheeler of Bridgeport, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Packard, Mrs. Isaac E. Beach of Meriden, guest of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Briggs; Mrs. Byington, Mrs. Gunther, Mrs. Arthur Wheeler, Mrs. Randall, Mrs. Thomas P. Taylor,

and many others. Tomorrow morning at the Congregational church, Rev. W. W. Wallace. of Madina, India, will speak in the morning. In the afternoon at 4 o'clock, Rev. E. N. Packard, D. D. will speak on "Child Labor as a National Problem." Dr. Packard has gathered a great deal of information on the subject, and his discourse is in line with the great convention which has been held in Chicago this week to White House during President Taft's discuss the same subject, and devise way and means to arouse the attention of the public, until some laws can be enacted and enforced putting In the morning at the Methodist church Rev. Mr. Eggleston will take for his theme "Censure for the New

lenge of the Dagger or the Ox-Goad." The new hay scales have arrived in town and will soon be put in position

Some one suggests that the town house be turned around, so that people can get into the back entrance from

It will hardly be necessary to call a town meeting or to go to the expense the fire underwriters wish to have removed from the house of the Hook & crete block house for the sole purpose of providing a place for a roll of hose. This would be an unnecessary burden there is left of Stratford. Selectmen take the 500 feet of hose and carry it into the town hall and the whole fire question will be settled and the insurance rates come down accord-

The supper given by the Women's Aid Society in the chapel was a tremendous success. The menu was all that could be wished, with cakes, pies. salads, and many toothsome meats and vegetables. The shrimp, cabbage and apple salad was delicious and disappeared as fast as it could be obtained And the chicken salad wasn't slow At the tables one saw Mrs. Ida Falken and her daughters, the Misses Vivian and Mara Falken; Dr. Howland, Radford B. Smith, Sr., Radford B. Smith, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. McLaren Stevenson and son, Rev. Arthur Shirley, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hansen. Deacon and Mrs. Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. Newton Reed and Newton Reed, Jr., Deacon Wells, Harry Hubbell, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Packard, Mrs. George K. Wilson, Mrs. J. W. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sammis, Miss Una E. Keith, Miss Eva L. Barnes, Deacon New York, Jan. 23 .- At the end of Stagg, Carlos Blakeman, Deacon and CLY EDITION:

the week the price of stocks, figured Mrs. P. P. Haven, Miss Haven, Miss on an average, was practically un- Frances Russell, Thomas Cook, Mrs. changed. Fluctuations for trading days Frank Sewell of New Milford, and her Any new building placed in front of

there was a spurt due to several caus- the lockup would cut off the view of es. One was the declaration of the its inmates from the Main street, and regular dividend on Amalgamated; an- the levely landscape which stretches They say it was the mittimus which Sheritf Stagg carries in his pocket which hurried Mrs. Kate Munzer out

Next Wednesday there will be annecessary to keep the road out of the other meeting of the Fire committee. hands of a receiver. These three at which time it is hoped a fire chief things resulted in traders overlooking will be appointed and the long talked Peter Bergen recently saved a small

It is almost time to print the programs for the Lincoln celebrations in since 1886. The production is exceed- the public schools on the 12th of Feb-

Dennis Quill is home from Ansonia. A party of young Methodist people abroad. In the face of this, the pool, recently took a sleigh ride to Shelton, on the declaration of the usual copon prayer meeting night. But the sleighing was so good, and the weather changes so fast, it was decided to omit the praying until a more convenient season, and take advantage of the Last evening Mr. and Mrs. Newton Reed had for guests the Biconstra This is not an embroidery

> Mrs. Sarah C. Brewer, mother of Mr. Swan D. Brewer, and widow of the late Jabez Brewer, died in town on Thursday, aged 78 years. The funeral was held this afternoon at the residence of her son. Next Monday one of the embroidery

clubs will visit Miss Eliza Graham. The health of the various members of the Blue family is announced as on Louis E. Peck is on one of the com-

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